GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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WASTAGE OF BLOOD
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Wastage of Blood` appearing in the `Rashtriya Sahara` dated 26 March, 2002;

(b) if so, details thereof including the reasons and steps taken to check wastage of blood in hospitals;

(c) the impediments encountered in proper storage of blood, installation of equipment for segregation of its components and steps taken to remove the hindrances;

(d) whether the Government propose to make it mandatory to test the blood before it is administered to the patients to ensure that infected blood is not administered to the patients; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)and (c): The figures quoted in the report on magnitude of Wastage of Blood is not based on facts. However, the government as a policy has been promoting rational use of blood by setting up Blood Component Separation Units (BCSUs) all over the Country.In Phase-I (1992-99) of National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) the Government has assisted in the modernization/setting up of 4(BCSUs in the Country and in Phase-II another 41 centres have been identified.Guidelines on rational use of blood have been circulated and equipment are being procured for the 41 BCSUs under NACP Phase-II.

(d) & (e) It is mandatory to test the blood for Transfusion Transmitted Infections such as HIV, HCV, Hbs Ag, VDRL and malaria parasite.